

The Results



Wine tasting by Romanian Wine Export Association which received support from USAID

- Associations of millers and bakers, meat processors, dairy farmers, organic farmers, poultry breeders, beekeepers, and wine producers were established and trained. They are actively working on behalf of Romanian producers to increase their members' access to domestic and international markets.
- 176 Water User Associations were formed. They rehabilitated 650,000 hectares of irrigated land bringing them back into production.
- A private Biotech Farmers Association promoting high productivity genetically modified seeds (GMOs) was created. This helped farmers obtain excellent yields, making Romania a net exporter of vegetable protein for the first time since 1989.

- Through a network of finance consultants, farmers and rural businesses have borrowed more than \$15 million in loans and grants used to increase capital and production efficiency.

- 50 scientists and professionals were trained in the U.S. as Norman Borlaug Fellows and Scholars. They apply the knowledge they gained in their research work and provide Romanian policy makers with information to make sound, science-based policy decisions.
- 250 members of beekeepers' associations are now exporting certified organic honey to the broader EU market.
- U.S. investment has brought new technologies and management practices to agribusinesses, allowing for increased efficiency of the sector.
- Rural tourism, food processing, and small enterprises provide economic alternatives to farming in rural areas.

- Recently, 14 wineries were cited in the 2006 edition of *Hugh Johnson's Pocket Wine Book*. The book is an authoritative source of information on the quality of wines from all over the world.



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